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CONTENT

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

July 30, 2002

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as
follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add new claims 32-37 as follows:

- 32. A method of controlling distribution of content, comprising the steps of:
- determining a level of distribution of content to be distributed, said level
- representing permitted uses of said content; and
- controlling distribution of said content by setting an indicia, corresponding to
- said content, to a state indicative of said level determined by said determining step.

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